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FROM: BERLIN

TO: Secretary of State

NO: 422, OCTOBER 27, 8 PM

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SENT DEPARTMENT 422, BONN 371, REPEATED INFORMATION PRIORITY
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PARIS FOR EMBASSY AND CINCEUR THURSTON AND FINN.

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THIS IS THIRD PART OF THREE-PART MESSAGE.

REF OURTEL 420 TO DEPT, 369 TO BONN.

COMMANDANTS AGREED ON FOLLOWING TEXT OF IDENTICAL LETTER EACH
COMMANDANT WOULD SEND TO SOV COMMANDANT:

BEGIN TEXT:

I WISH TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 14
ABOUT INCIDENTS ON S-BAHN PROPERTY IN WEST BERLIN.

I MUST MAINTAIN THE VIEW OF OUR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES
IN THIS MATTER WHICH I EXPRESSED IN MY LETTER OF OCTOBER 8.
ANY NEW DISPLAY OF FLAGS SIMILAR TO THAT OF OCTOBER 6 AND 7
WOULD HAVE UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES.

IN VIEW OF OUR COMMON INTEREST IN MAINTAINING UNDISTURBED
CONDITIONS IN BERLIN I HAVE THOUGHT IT NECESSARY TO INFORM
YOU CLEARLY OF MY OPINION IN ORDER TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY
OF A MISUNDERSTANDING AND TO CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES.

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END TEXT.

IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT COMMANDANTS DISPATCH THEIR IDENTICAL LETTERS MORNING NOV 2. IT WAS DESIRED THAT LETTERS REACH SOVS SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION CELEBRATIONS TO ENSURE SOBER CONSIDERATION.

ALLIED COMMANDANTS INTEND TO GIVE NO REPEAT NO PUBLICITY TO THESE LETTERS.

ALTHOUGH FIRST ALLIED MESSAGE TO SOVS ON FLAGS DISPATCHED BY TELEPHONE EVENING OCTOBER 7, SIGNED ORIGINAL DELIVERED LATER TO KARLSHORST INADVERTENTLY BORE DATE OCT 8.

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